

# Welcome to WNA's Bylaw and Reference Committee Virtual Hearing on Proposals for the WNA Annual Meeting

Sponsored by WNA's  
Committee on Bylaws and WNA  
Reference Committee  
Tuesday October 11, 2016  
&  
Thursday October 13, 2016

# Purpose of the call

To inform the members of the proposed changes to WNA Bylaws that will be acted

2. To inform the members of the proposed Reference Report
3. Allow the members to ask questions
4. Allow time for the Bylaw and Reference Committee members to respond and develop any amendments to the action items.
5. Report of the conference calls and the in-person Hearing will be shared with the membership at the 10/22/16 WNA Annual Meeting

# WNA Virtual Hearing on Proposed Bylaw Changes

Sponsored by WNA Committee on Bylaws

Committee Members

Marie Garwood, Chair

Lea Acord, Pat Borgman and Ellen Murphy

# Focus of Proposed Bylaw Amendments

- Allows for the member to vote electronically at WNA Annual and Special Business meetings of the membership.
- Clarifies that the WNA structural units e.g. councils and committees can conduct meetings electronically.

# Proposed Bylaw Amendments

- Article II – Meetings of the Membership
  - Section 1. The WNA members in attendance, in-person or joining electronically at annual and special meetings constitute the governing and official voting body of the Association.
  - Section 2. - The membership in attendance, in person or joining electronically, at annual or special meetings shall
  - Section 3.A. The membership shall meet in-person or electronically, once a year to participate in the scheduled business

# Proposed Bylaw Amendments (con't)

- Article II – Membership & Dues
  - Section 2.E. Attend WNA annual and special meetings in person or joining electronically, and vote on official business of the Association
  - Section 5. A.1.a. The amount of the annual WNA dues:
    - 1. That is allocated for WNA shall be established:
      - a. By a 2/3 ~~vote by secret ballot~~ of the members ~~present and~~ voting in person or joining electronically, at a general or special membership meeting, after at least 60 days notice of the intention to vote upon the dues;

# Proposed Bylaw Amendments (con't)

- Article IV – Executive Committee
  - Section A. & Section B. Meetings of the Executive Committee
    - A. Meetings shall be held at the call of the President.
    - B. Meetings of the Executive Committee may be held in person or electronically
  
- Article IX – Councils
  - Section 5. C & D.
  - C. Meetings can take place in-person or electronically.
  - D. A quorum for the Council shall be 50% of the total number of members

# Proposed Bylaw Amendments (con't)

- Article X – Nominating Committee
  - Section 3. , Section 4 & Section 5
    - (add new) Section 3. Meetings can take place in-person or electronically.
    - (renumber) Section 3.4 Nominations and 4. Section 5.
  
- Article XV – Amendments
  - Section 1- Section 1. By a 2/3 vote of those present (in-person or joining electronically) and voting
  - Section 2 -By a 99% vote of those present (in-person or joining electronically) and voting...



# Proposed Proviso

- Allows for the approved bylaws amendments to be implemented immediately. This allows for members who are joining virtually and credentialed will be able to vote on other action items presented during this 2016 WNA Annual Meeting.

**Any Questions or Comments**

# WNA Virtual Hearing on Proposed Reference Report

Sponsored by WNA's Reference Committee

Pat Keller, Chair

Kathy Bruening, Kathy Poi and Nancy Ahrens

# Focus of 2016 Reference Report

- Brought forward by the WNA Board of Directors
  - To achieve more member participation and engagement in the development of WNA References using “real time” activity via a Membership Assembly model.
  - The model includes allowing structured time for members to discuss issues/topics using a dialogue forum process.
  - The product of the dialogue forum is the development of an action plan that WNA will assume over the next year.

# The 2016 Reference Report

- The Reference Report to be acted on by the membership at the Annual Meeting creates a different process for how future references are to be developed.
- It was developed by the WNA Board of Directors based on the success of a two year pilot process of a Membership Assembly that creates time for dialogue forums. The dialogue forums address current and emerging issues that WNA may of need to address.

# Proposed WNA Membership Assembly Model

- The functions of the model for WNA's Membership Assembly includes the following:
  - The members come together for one a one-day pre-Annual Meeting to discuss identified emerging topics or issues of relevance to nursing practice, education or policy the dialogue forum process.
  - During the Dialogue Forum, members are provided with background information about the topic or issues.
  - Using small groups, the members discuss the issues presented, develop recommendations on how WNA should address the issue.

# Proposed WNA Membership Assembly Framework

- Each of the small groups present their prioritized recommendations to all of the dialogue forum members for discussion.
- Themes are identified along with any items where there is consensus.
- The work sheets from each small group and the recommendations are submitted to the WNA Reference Committee.
- The Reference Committee is charged with the responsibility of developing a Reference Report that is presented the next day as an action item for the WNA Annual Meeting.

# Role of the Reference Committee

- The WNA Reference Committee members listen to the dialogue and information shared by each of the small groups.
- The committee members meet after the Dialogue Forum to review the background information, the materials submitted by each small group, the recommendations and priorities.
- The committee members prepare a Reference Report that is will be presented to the membership that include the recommendations that WNA is to work on over the next year.



# Role of the Reference Committee

- During the Annual Meeting the Reference Committee presents a summary of their work to the membership during the next day's WNA Annual Meeting.
- The Reference Committee presents the recommendations that members will vote on.
- Upon passage, the WNA Board of Directors assumes responsibility for the implementation of the recommendations and provides, at a minimum, an annual report on the progress.

# 2016 WNA Reference Report

**Recommendation:** That the Wisconsin Nurses Association adopt a process that promotes the increased member engagement and decision-making in the development of timely and relevant WNA Reference Reports that reflect the following:

1. WNA's Membership Assembly will include expanded time for members to discuss the important and relevant issues or topics of interest to the nursing profession using the Dialogue Forum process.

# 2016 WNA Reference Report

## Recommendations (con't)

2. The members will develop and prioritize recommendations emerging from the Dialogue Forum discussions and will forward to the WNA Reference Committee for the development of a WNA Reference Report.

3. The Reference Committee will develop a Reference Report with recommendations and present to the members attending the WNA Annual Meeting for adoption.

# 2016 WNA Reference Report

## Recommendations (con't)

4. The WNA Board of Directors will develop an implementation strategy related to the approved Reference Report recommendations.
5. Reports of progress will be provided to the members annually

Any Questions or Comments?